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1. [REDACTED] Called Charles Ward, Administrative Assistant in the office of Carl Albert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, concerning the Speaker's 16 November 1974 letter to Mr. Cary regarding [REDACTED] an applicant, and explained that while [REDACTED] had not returned the application forms sent to him, we would be glad to interview him if he is still interested, during his visit to Washington this week. Ward was thankful for this information and said he would let us know if [REDACTED] would like to talk to our personnel people.

2. [REDACTED] In the company of [REDACTED] met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, and Clark McFadden, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and explained our understanding of the strategy to sustain the President's veto on H. R. 12471 (Freedom of Information Act) and provided them an Aide-Memoire for their use in contacting members. Braswell said not to rely upon them but to contact the members directly.

3. [REDACTED] Attended a meeting in the office of Senator Hugh Scott (R., Pa.) Minority Floor Leader of the Senate, called by Tom Korologos, Deputy Legislative Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, to discuss strategy in connection with sustaining the President's veto of H. R. 12471 (Freedom of Information Act). Also in attendance were: Pat O'Donnell, White House, Jack Maury, DOD, and Sam Goldberg, State Department. Using the basis of votes against the Muskie amendment (court review section) and the Hart amendment (FBI investigative files), a listing was made of selected senators to be contacted and it was agreed that we would contact Senators Henry Jackson (D., Wash.) and Milton Young (R., N. Dak.).

Subsequent to the session, I learned from Doug Marvin, Senator Roman L. Hruska's (R., Neb.) legislative aide on this matter, that the strategy would be to vote on the President's counter proposal immediately after the veto is sustained. If it is, the new bill will be introduced by Senator Hugh Scott with bipartisan co-sponsors, by the end of the day. On the basis of the head count on paper, it looks like there is a good prospect for sustaining the veto but also some slippage after Thursday, is foreseen. The above information from Marvin was relayed to O'Donnell, who was unaware of it, as an important item for inclusion in briefings of senators since a vote to sustain the veto would be immediately followed by a vote to improve the Freedom of Information Act, and he agreed.

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Met with Dorothy Fosdick, Professional Staff Director, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee, and briefed her on the upcoming vote with respect to sustain the President's veto of H. R. 12471 (Freedom of Information Act) and gave her supporting papers. She said she would speak to Senator Henry Jackson (D., Wash.) and let us know the outcome.

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Met with Guy McConnell, Professional Staff Member, Senate Appropriations Committee, concerning the moves to sustaining the President's veto of H. R. 12471 (Freedom of Information Act), and he suggested that we speak to Pete Bonner, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, who would get to Senator Milton Young (R., N. Dak.) on this for us.

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Received a call from Leslie Yates, Staff Consultant, House Subcommittee on Africa, Foreign Affairs Committee, and a meeting was set for 2:30 p. m., 25 November, with Chairman Charles Diggs (D., Mich.), to review procedures and the type of items which could be covered in the briefing scheduled for 9 December of the Africa Subcommittee.

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Called Gary Sellers, Senator John L. McClellan's staff man on the Senate Appropriations Committee, and inquired as to whether he knew what action the Committee was taking, if any, on pending legislation before the Committee requiring the President to furnish all information within the Executive on Watergate. I also asked if he had any information concerning hearings to be held by the Committee on pending legislation to establish a select committee on CIA.

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Met with Steve Daniels, Minority Staff Member for Representative John N. Erlenborn (R., Ill.) on the House Government Operations Committee, and left with him a fall-back position paper should Representative Bella S. Abzug's (D., N. Y.) amendment on the floor to knock out the Agency's exemption in H. R. 16373 (right of privacy bill) prevail. The fall-back position provides an exemption for intelligence sources and methods. Daniels concurred in the proposal and said that it would be submitted by Representative Erlenborn should the amendment by Representative Abzug pass.

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